Disputes regarding mafia activities in Bihar

726. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there was dispute between the police officials of Government of Bihar and the staff of the Coal Ministry about the mafia activities in the coal region of Bihar;

b) whether it is also a fact that there was substance in the allegations made by Bihar Police officials regarding coal mine mafia; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (c) There was difference of opinion between the District Administration, Dhanbad and BCCL on alleged infilteration of mafia in casual labour employed at loading points and exservicemen's transport societies. The matter has been sorted out in the joint meeting convened for the purpose.

Linking of Ennore and Mettur Thermal Power Station to Singareni collieries

727. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Ennore and Mettur Thermal Power Stations of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB) were originally linked to Singareni Collieries Company Ltd by rail route :

(b) if so, when and why coal supply to these stations was stopped from Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.;

(c) what are the collieries with which these Thermal Power Stations are now linked for the supply of coal;

(d) what is the extent of additional expenditure involved because of the change of linkage, what is the normal transportation period with the change of linkage and how is it affecting the sustained supply to these stations ; and

(e) whether any compensation has been paid to the Electricity Board for the additional expenditure involved in transportation, because of the sudden change of linkage and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) Ennore & Mettur Thermal Power Stations of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB) were originally linked to Singareni Collieries Company Limited on long-term basis. However, the linkages of these power houses have transferred from Singareni Collieries Company Limited to Coal India Limited during 1989-90 and 1990-91. This became necessary due to shortfall in production of coal by Singareni Collieries Company Limited. In case the linkages were not changed. the linked power houses of TNEB would not have received adequate quantities of coal for required power generation thereby affecting economic activity in the state.

(c) Standing Linkage Committee (Short-term) does not link thermal power stations to specific collieries. The linkages are given only coalfield -wise. The present linkages to these power stations are from Talcher and Ib-Valley coalfields of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited.

(d) Coal to Ennore and Mettur TPSs is generally being moved by rail-cum-sea route via Vizag and Paradip ports. The additional expenditure involved would be confined by and large to the Sea freight and the Port charges. Exact time taken to move coal by rail-cum-sea route is not available in the Ministry. However, as intimated by TNEB informally, the lead time for moving coal via rail-cum-sea route on an average is 21 days. Care is taken by coal companies to move adequate quantities of coal to the ports in order to ensure uninterrupted availability of coal to these power stations.

(e) No scheme for subsidising movement of coal by rail-cum-sea route is being implemented by the Government at present.

Private/foreign companies in coal mining sector

728. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE :
SHRI SARDA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that private sector companies, Indian and Foreign are taking interest and offering their investment in Coal mines;

(b) if so, what are the details of the offers, the names of companies and coalfields of their interest;

(c) what are the terms and conditions offered to private companies or vice-versa;

(d) what is the quality of the coal going to be mined by the private companies; and

(e) what is the last three years' production of coal and projected target for production by the end of the current year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) Several Indian and Foreign Organisations have shown interest in coal mining. 14 coal mining blocks have been allocated to such organisations who are developing power/steel plants for their captive consumption. The details are as under :

S. No.	Name	End use	Coalfields in which blocks identified/ indicated are located.
1	2	3	4
1	M/s. R.P.G. Industries/Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation.	Power generation	Raniganj and North Karanpura
2	M/s. Kalinga Power Corporation	Power generation	Talcher
3	M/s. Nippon Denro Ispat Ltd.	Power generation	Wardha/Bander
4	M/s. Tamil Nadu Electricity Board	Power generation	Talcher
5	M/s. Gujarat Power Corporation	Power generation	Ib valley (tentative indication)